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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

May 21, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response mailed May 8, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

Regarding the Notification's requirement for an additional fee of \$167, Applicants submit that \$167 is not due because there are 21 total claims and 4 independent claims pending after entry of the Preliminary Amendment of December 10, 2001. There are no multiple dependent claims pending after entry of the Preliminary Amendment. Therefore it is respectfully requested that those claim amendments be entered.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Kindly enter the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Kindly enter the attached paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing in lieu of the Sequence Listing submitted on December 10, 2001.